Duties etc., of P. W. D. Section Officers.

284. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the duties, and responsibilities of the P. W. D. Section Officers in the State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A Section Officer holds the smallest unit of Executive charge of works. He is responsible to the Sub Division Officer or other officers under whom he is placed for the proper execution of works, measurement of the works done, and preparation of bills therefor. He is also responsible for the proper upkeep of roads, buildings, and other works in his charge and the safety of all Government stores in the Section. He will also be called upon to prepare estimates and plans for new schemes and to conduct investigations therefor when special agency for the purpose is not available or is not necessary.

Tenders for the supply of Government Stationery.

285. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many local merchants submitted tenders for Government stationery supply and how many sons of the soil were encouraged and how much percentage of the contract went to foreign agents?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The interpellation is vague. If the member will specify the year for which the information is required, it can be collected and supplied to him.

English High School, Nagercoil.

286. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any original sanctioned estimate and plans for constructing the English High School, Nagercoil?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report attached to the sanctioned estimate together with a statement showing the dates of inspection of all responsible officers of the P. W. D. and of the State not excluding the Dewan from the commencement to the end with their notes thereon?

(3) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the total outlay up-to-date (8-9-1105) on the work, with a comparative statement of each item of work done to the sanctioned estimate;

(*b*) the necessity of conducting some works departmentally and some by piece-work contract, while there are standing agreemented contractors in the department and also for this work?

(4) Will they be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) the abstract for the following division of labour met separately for this work, such as by—

(i) N. M. R. with a statement of abstract of each voucher passed and date;

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(ii) H. R. bills with statement of abstract of vouchers passed and date and name of contractors and the person to whom the cheques were enclosed to draw the amount;

(iii) P. W. and C. C. Bills with statement of abstract of the C. B. V. passed and date and name of contractors; and

(iv) company bills with details of contents;

(*b*) the working estimates with necessary plans which were approved and sanctioned by competent authority as per rules for all extra items, lump sum provisions, deviation, etc., above the original sanctioned estimate before those works were taken up and completed; and

(*c*) a list of local rates of materials, workmen, coolies, etc., current in the years 1102 to 1104 in the Nagercoil town, with date for enhanced rates sanctioned by the Executive Engineer Mr. S. S. Krishna Aiyangar for the above school works conducted by him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2), (3) (*a*) and (*b*), (4) (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), (4) (*b*), and (4) (*c*). The time and labour involved in the preparation of all the detailed statements, estimates, plans etc., required by the member are out of all proportion to their usefulness.

Water cess levied from lands under the Kodayar Irrigation Project.

287. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of water cess levied from the lands under the Kodayar Irrigation Project in 1104; and

(*b*) the total amount spent for the maintenance of the various irrigation channels under the Kodayar Project in 1104 and 1105?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 1,66,157.

(*b*) Rs. 18,042 in 1104; and Rs. 18,839 to the end of Musi 1105. This does not include the proportion of permanent establishment expenditure chargeable to maintenance.

Changanachery-Vazhur road.

288. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Changanachery-Vazhur road is a metalled one;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the P. W. D. has intimated the Commissioner of Police not to issue permit to any bus which carries more than 16 passengers to ply through the above route;

(*c*) whether the whole road is unfit for heavy traffic; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the portion or portions which are unfit for heavy traffic?

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